



State of Washington

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: Fish Passage and Irrigation Maintenance in Teanaway River (2 sites: Red Bridge & Seaton Diversion)

Description of Proposal:

In 1999, pump stations and associated instream grade controls were constructed near the crossings of Red Bridge Road (Teanaway River Ranch Owner's Association Diversion) and Lambert Road (Seaton Diversion) bridges over the lower Teanaway River. After a flood event in January 2009, each diversion sustained damage to the grade control structures, such that the irrigators had to perform instream work in order to divert their adjudicated water rights in the 2009 irrigation season. Low flow conditions in the summer of 2009 resulted in poor fish passage conditions at both sites as a result of the temporary solutions to divert their irrigation water.

For the Teanaway River Ranch Owner's Association Diversion near Red Bridge Road, five large rock grade control structures are proposed for construction downstream of the bridge and diversion to provide the necessary water surface elevation for the diversion and to provide fish passage meeting WDFW and NMFS criteria. The original project construction only included a single grade control structure. Recent headcutting in the Teanaway River at this site necessitates the additional structures to ensure unimpeded fish passage, especially during low flow conditions. All work will occur within 500 feet downstream of the Red Bridge Road crossing in the Teanaway River

For the Seaton Diversion near Lambert Road, original construction included two rock barbs and a grade control structure upstream of the bridge and an additional grade control structure downstream of the bridge. The current proposal will repair the grade control Structure immediately upstream of Lambert Road Bridge, construct an additional bank barb, rearrange an existing gravel bar to create a suitable planting bench along the left bank where riprap currently protects Lambert Road from additional flood damage. This proposal will result in maintaining a low flow channel that provides sweeping velocity across the flat plate fish screen and maintains fish passage at nearly every flow. This proposal will also help address the right bank abutment scour that puts the Lambert Road Bridge at risk of failure if not addressed.

Proponent/Applicant:

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Location of Proposal, including street, if any:

Seaton Diversion

Teanaway River Ranch Owner's

Association Diversion

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| 1. Upstream of Lambert Road Bridge | 1. Downstream of Red Bridge Road |
| 2. Right Bank Teanaway River | 2. Left Bank Teanaway River |
| 3. Parcel # 514536 | 3. Parcel # 910436 |
| 4. ~1300 Lambert Road Cle Elum, WA | 4. 211 Pheasant Place Cle Elum, WA |
| 5. WRIA 39-Upper Yakima River Basin | 5. WRIA 39-Upper Yakima River Basin |
| 6. Section 33, Township 20, Range 16 | 6. Section 25, Township 20, Range 16 |
| 7. 47.1750°N; -120.8362°W | 7. 47.2013°N; -120.7815°W |

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **July 6, 2010**

You can submit your comments by email to SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov, through the WDFW SEPA website comment link at <http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/hab/sepa/sepa.htm>, fax to (360) 902-2946, or mail to the address below. When you send us your comments, please provide the name of the proposal in your comment letter.

Responsible Official: Teresa A. Eturaspe

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/hab/sepa/sepa.htm>. Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.¹

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Teresa Eturaspe at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2575.

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SIGNATURE: 

Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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